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EXDIS TO LORD EYES ONLY FROM BARTHOLOMEW

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING
STAFF CHIEF BLECH

REF: BONN 15813

1. IN A LETTER TO DAVE ANDERSON, KLAUS BLECH SAID THAT HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING TO NEW YORK WITH GENSCHER FOR THE UNGA SESSION AND ASKED WHETHER DAVE THOUGHT A BRIEF VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL. BLECH ALSO ASKED DAVE TO CHECK WITH WIN LORD AND HIS PEOPLE. I TOLD DAVE TO TELL BLECH THAT YOU WERE IN AFRICA BUT THAT WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE HIM IN WASHINGTON, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE WAS COMING TO NEW YORK IN ANY CASE.

2. WE NOW HAVE RECEIVED A CABLE FROM EMBASSY BONN IN WHICH KLAUS BLECH PROPOSES TO VISIT WASHINGTON FROM MID-MORNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 30. BLECH SAID HIS MAIN INTERESTS WERE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND MEMBERS OF THE S/P STAFF, ESPECIALLY ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE IS
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REFERRING TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE IN PARTICULAR OR TO THE BROADER ISSUE OF THE US THEATER NUCLEAR POSTURE, WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN OUR REQUEST LAST WEEK FOR GERMAN CONCURRENCE TO THE PLANNED US F-111 DEPLOYMENT IN ENGLAND. BLECH ALSO DESIRES MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN EUR.

3. SINCE THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH IS NOW SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 30 AND YOU COULD BE GOING WITH HIM TO NEW YORK, I AM INCLINED TO INVITE BLECH TO MEET WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 29, EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME LAST MINUTE FLAILING AWAY AT THE SPEECH. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT HE MEET WITH YOU, ME AND PHIL SEPTEMBER 29 AROUND 11:30 AM FOR ABOUT AN HOUR'S GENERAL TALK, TO BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH UPSTAIRS WITH A SMALL GROUP (INCLUDING DICK VINE). WE THEN COULD HAVE ANOTHER HOUR AFTER LUNCH UNTIL ABOUT 3:00 PM. A FURTHER HOUR COULD SET ASIDE WITH APPROPRIATE S/P MEMBERS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS DEPENDING ON HIS INTERESTS BUT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DUCK OUT OF THIS SESSION.

4. WE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR BLECH ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, SEPTEMBER 30, WITH ART HARTMAN, HAL SONNENFELDT AND PERHAPS JULES KATZ. A ROUNDTABLE SESSION WITH THE GERMAN DESK ALSO WOULD BE SET UP, AT EUR'S REQUEST. EUR, OF COURSE, THINKS BLECH'S VISIT A VERY GOOD THING INDEED. I NEED NOT REMIND YOU A) OF EXCELLENT HOSPITALITY BLECH OFFERED US IN BONN/BERLIN, AND B) CHANCE THAT HE MAY BE NAMED POLITICAL DIRECTOR AFTER THE OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS.

5. I NOTE FROM YOUR CALENDAR THAT SECRETARY MAY
----- HOST WORKING DINNER FOR CHINESE AT UNGA
SEPTEMBER 29. WITH SCHEDULE ABOVE, YOU COULD MAKE THIS.
(I CHECKED WITH OSCAR AND WE DO NOT YET HAVE FROM CHINESE
INFO ON WHEN CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER OR OTHER PRC DELE-
GATION LEADER ARRIVING, MUCH LESS CONFIRMATION OF DATE.)
WE COULD, OF COURSE, REVERSE SCHEDULE FOR TWO DAYS GIVEN
ABOVE.

6. WE NEED QUICK REACTION/GUIDANCE FROM YOU TO RESPOND
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